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PARADES, CENTRAL STATION, 5.30 P.M.
Tuesday, Dec. 12th.—Nos. 3 and 4
Companies (except Recruits).
Wednesday, Dec. 13th.—All Recruits.
Thursday, Dec. 14th.—No. 2 Company.
Also Ambulance Platoon, under the Ser-
geant-Major.
Friday, Dec. 15th.—No. 3 Platoon.
POLICE SCHOOL, 5.30 P.M.
Tuesday, Dec. 12th.—Class I. (Chief
Inspector Kerr).
Wednesday, Dec. 13th.—Class III.
(Inspector Gerrard).
Thursday, Dec. 14th.—Class IV.
(Inspector P. O'Sullivan).
TRANSFERRED.
P.C. 643 H. F. Bunji has transferred
to No. 2 Section.
(Sgd.) F. C. JENKIN,
D.S.P. (R.).

GERMANS AND THE "TANKS."

The following article, giving the Ger-
man view of the British "Tanks," is
issued by the Press Bureau:—
In public the Germans have spoken
with two voices about the British
"Tanks." With one they say that the
Tanks are so useful to us that it is not
fair of us to use them. That is the
official voice, just after the Tanks first
came into action. They were called "as
cruel as effective," and it was urged that
their use ought to be barred as inhuman.
With its second voice, the less official
voice, which it uses through the maga-
zine of the German press, the German
General Staff said that the Tanks were a
failure and need not be minded.
What the German commands really
think about the Tanks may be gathered
from a bulletin order recently issued in
the sector south of Arras. "In view
of the danger of attacks by the English
Tanks," it gives detailed directions for
defensive measures, to be taken before
half-past seven the next morning. All
roads leading from British to German
positions, and not actually used for the
passage of German artillery and trans-
port, are to be "obstructed so as to render
traffic, except the passage of material,
impossible." They are also to be "cut
for a width of 4 to 6 metres (13 to 20
feet) and to a depth of 15 to 2 metres
(5 to 6 feet), a narrow way being left for
the passage of infantry and material."

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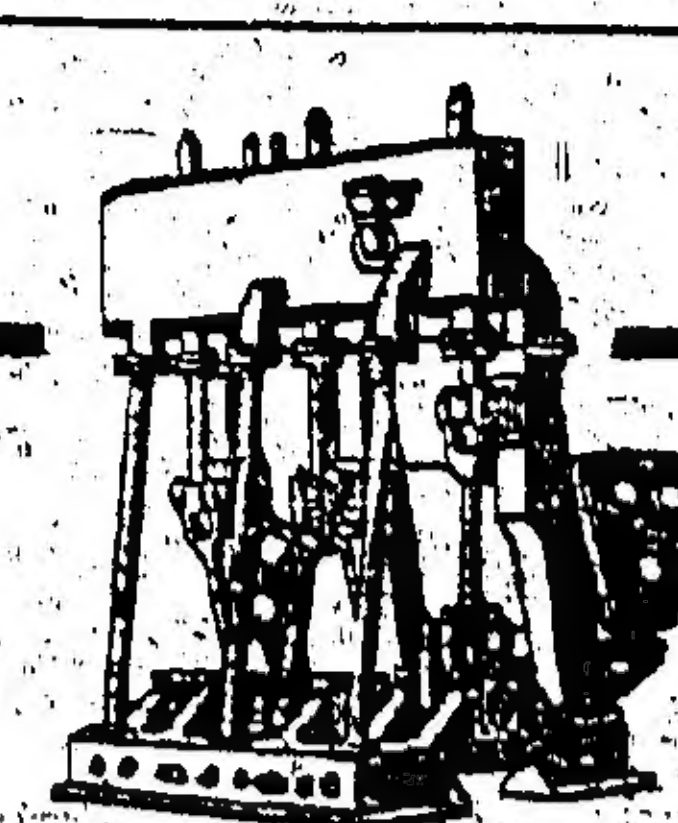
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Applicants will be required to produce
Passports or identification papers. All
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Subscribed Capital \$2,000,000
Paid-up Capital \$2,437,500
II—Reserve Funds \$3,837,047
III—Life & Annuity Funds \$17,597,590
Sinking Fund Accounts \$158,230
\$23,970,267
Revenue Fire Branch \$2,381,456
Life and Annuity \$2,141,653
Branches \$1,141,653
Revenue Marine Department \$37,233
Other Receipts \$478,940
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8 A.M. "KINSHAN" 8 A.M. "HONAM"
10 P.M. "HONAM" 6 P.M. "KINSHAN"
TUESDAY, 12th DECEMBER.
8 A.M. "FATSHAN" 8 A.M. "KINSHAN"
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Week days at 7.30 A.M. and 2 P.M. Sundays at 7.30 A.M. and 2 P.M.

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will depart from the COMPANY'S WING LOK STREET WHARF at 9 A.M.
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the 14th December, 1916, commencing at 2:30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, etc.,
As follows:—

Elasched Sheet, Hemstitched Sheets, Embroidered and Filled Pillow Cases, Turkish Towels, Large Bath Towels, Bath Sheets, Huckaback Towels, Damask Table Cloths with Serviettes to Match, Cushions, Glass Cloths, Dust Sheets, etc., etc.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Dec. 9, 1916. 1313

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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on
WEDNESDAY,
the 20th December, 1916, at 2:30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

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A Consignment of
IMAS CRACKERS,
Also
One Doll's House Furnished,
etc., etc.

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One Two-Seater
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on
WEDNESDAY,
the 13th December, 1916, commencing at 10:30 a.m., at the Government Store, Ballook Lane, Wanchai,

A QUANTITY OF
MISCELLANEOUS STORES, etc.,
As follows:—

India Rubber, and Brass Scrap, Insulated Copper Wire (Scrap), Glass Sheets (various sizes), a large assortment of Tiles, Flushing Cisterns with Brackets, Flanges, Stop Cocks, Sockets, Flugs, Bends Valves, etc., India Rubber, and Leather Flugs and Washers, Assorted Packing, Chandeliers, Electroliers, Pendants, etc., with Shades for same, Cast Iron Pipes (various sizes) Scrap Telephone Wire, Tar Boiler, Wrought and Cast Iron Scrap, etc., etc.

On view day of Sale.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers to the Government.

Hongkong, Dec. 9, 1916. 1309

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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the 13th December, 1916, commencing at 2 p.m., at their No. 4 Wharf,

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3 Iron Struts or Back Legs, 4 ft. long,
3 Iron Guides for Struts,
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Hongkong, Dec. 7, 1916. 1308

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FRIDAY,

the 15th December, 1916, commencing at 2:30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, etc.,
As follows:—

Carpets and Rugs, Sideboards, Dinner Wagon, etc., Dining Tables and Chairs, Chesterfield Sofa, Arm-chairs, etc., Wardrobes and Toilet Tables, Double and Single (Brass-mounted) Bedsteads, etc., Miscellaneous Furniture, Blackwood Wares, Pianos, a few lots of Porcelains, etc., Pantry, Bath Room and Kitchen Utensils, Perambulator and Child's Cot.

Also
A few lots of Turkish Towels, Bath Towels, Brass Yases, Brass Finger Bowls.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)
Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Dec. 9, 1916. 1310

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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One consulting apparatus, complete.

Spindle wick lamp.

Spindle wick lamp.

Cylinders and vials.

Apparatus for testing lamp.

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THE WAR.

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SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE DEPORTATIONS FROM BELGIUM.

PROTEST FROM THE UNITED STATES.

"CONTRARY TO ALL PRECEDENTS AND HUMAN PRINCIPLES."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.

The State Department has published a Note which is called to Germany on November 19th protesting against the deportation of civilians from Belgium. It says:

"The United States has learned with the greatest concern and regret of the policy to deport from Belgium civilians for the purpose of forced labour in Germany."

It is constrained to protest in a friendly spirit but most solemnly against an action contravening all precedents and humane principles and the international practice which has been accepted and followed by the civilized nations in the treatment of non-combatants."

The probability is being discussed of a new Note to Germany as the result of recent submarine operations.

It is learned that the United States has acquired of Great Britain the status of the steamer *Arctica*, which was recently sunk by torpedo in the Mediterranean.

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THE FIGHTING IN RUMANIA.

RUSSIANS DRIVE ENEMY FROM TWO HEIGHTS.

600 PRISONERS CAPTURED.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

A Russian communiqué states: "The Russians captured 600 prisoners, 6 machine-guns and 3 cannon in an engagement west and south of Valpente on the Rumanian front where the enemy were dislodged from two heights."

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THE WESTERN FRONT.

BIG GERMAN MOVEMENT IN BELGIUM.

FRESH ACTIVITY EXPECTED.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 9.

There are big movements of German troops in Belgium.

It is believed that this preages fresh activity.

NEW YEAR CARD FOR INDIAN SOLDIERS.

A GIFT OF SIRDAR DALJIT SINGH.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

Sirdar Daljit Singh, who is leaving for India to-day on a short visit, has arranged that every Indian soldier in the field shall receive a New Year Card with a reproduction of a portrait of the King-Emperor in his Coronation robes and a royal poem composed by the Sirdar himself printed in Hindi, Urdu or Gurmukhi, according to the language of the recipient.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

An Italian official announcement states that there is violent artillery activity in the Adige Valley and that the Italians dispersed a long enemy transport column.

FORMING THE CABINET.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S PLANS AND DIFFICULTIES.

LONDON, Dec. 9.

It is understood that Mr. Lloyd George is aiming at a Cabinet of 12, composed of 5 Unionists, 5 Liberals and 2 Labourites. One Labour member of the Cabinet will, presumably, be a member of the War Council and three other Labourites will be in the Ministry.

Mr. Lloyd George's principal difficulty at present is the securing of adequate Liberal representation owing to the refusal of nearly all the Liberal ex-Ministers to serve.

At a meeting of the Liberal War Committee, attended by thirty members, it was resolved to actively support Mr. Lloyd George.

A LIBERAL PARTY MEETING CONVENED.

Mr. Asquith presides at a meeting of the Liberal party to-morrow.

"INSUFFICIENT PROGRESS."

LONDON, Dec. 9.

A Privy Council meeting convened for to-day has been cancelled.

It is understood that this is owing to insufficient progress having been made with the construction of a Cabinet.

CABINET PROBLEMS IN FRANCE.

SITUATION COMPARED WITH THE BRITISH.

PARIS, Dec. 9.

Important developments are expected as the result of a secret sitting of the French Chamber. It is the sole topic of the day.

The Parliamentary situation is compared with the British. It is not known whether M. Briand will resign, but it is believed that the situation must conform with the present tradition of the Chamber.

The difficulties of M. Briand's task are recognized and it is regarded as natural that he should be given time to make a satisfactory arrangement.

THE MAN WHO GETS THERE.

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A FREAKISH APPETITE.

An appetite which has no rest for regular nourishing meals, but craves for unwholesome diet, selects many young girls; men, too, suffer. It is one of the signs of a state of bloodlessness, and is usually present with palor, languor and debility. The stomach lacks good blood to enable it to digest ordinary diet, and so food ferments and fills the system with poisons; the palate becomes unbalanced, and fancies arise for unwholesome fare.

It is but a short step from this unhealthy state to severe indigestion and complete breakdown. The warning is urgent for serious diseases have often developed from such conditions. If you start now, obtain a supply from your dealer or druggist of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. They reinforce the system with new blood, following which digestion recovers, and a healthy, keen appetite is created for diet that will do you good."

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (for account of the consignor),

WEDNESDAY,

the 27th December, 1916, at 11 a.m., at their To Kwa Wa Godown, Salvaged Cargo ex. S.S. "WISLEY,"

Comprising:—
About 400 drums of Caustic Soda.
About 15 drums of "Napthalene" Flake.
About 60 cases of Carbonate of Ammonia.

About 20 cases of Oxide of Iron.
Twenty Braid Machines, "for covering electric cables."
Three small Electric Motors.
Eight machines and parts for cotton winding, (these are suitable for use in knitting factories).
One Marble Switchboard.
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Fifteen cases of Spare parts for Overland Cars (i.e.—springs, axles, clutches, roller bearings, mudguards, wheels, etc., etc.)

And
A lot of spare gear wheels, and bearings for the same make of car.

Immediately following this sale the undermentioned cargo will be sold on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Coy., Ltd.,

108 boxes of Tin Plates.
100 cases of Black Plates.
10 cases of Lacing Hooks for Boots and Shoes.
The To Kwa Wa cargo will be on view from Monday the 26th inst., and inspecting orders for the cargo at this Wharf and Godown Co's. premises may be obtained from the undersigned.
Launch to convey intending purchasers will leave Blake Pier on the morning of the 27th at 10.30 a.m.
Terms:—As usual.

HUGHES & HUGHES,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Dec. 11, 1916. 1317

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THE DIARY.

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.
3.45 p.m.—Sanitary Board Meeting.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13.—
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Miscellaneous Stores at Government Store, Ballock Lane, Wanchai.
3 p.m.—Auction of Sheep Legs, Engine, Steam Winch etc. at No. 4 Wharf, H.K. & W. & Co., Kowloon.

THURSDAY, Dec. 14.—
Prince Albert's birthday (1895).
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Irish Goods (Sheets, Towels, Cushions etc.) at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
5.30 p.m.—Congregation at the Hongkong University.

FRIDAY, Dec. 15.—
Noon—Extraordinary Meeting of the Green Island Cement Co. Ltd.
Entree closes for Ladies' Championship, B.H.K. Golf Club.

SATURDAY, Dec. 16.—
Cricket: Volunteers v. Reserves at Kowloon.

SUNDAY, Dec. 17.—
9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by sea.
Telahani.

FRI. 18, SAT. 19, MON. 20 & TUE. 21.—
A.D.C. Performances of "Kismet" in aid of "Star and Garter" Fund.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20.—
Prince George's birthday (1894).
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Xmas Toys and Crackers at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

MONDAY, Dec. 25.—
Public Holiday.

TUESDAY, Dec. 26.—
Public Holiday.

thened the Allies' resolve to win. Within the past week the Parliaments of each one of the Allies have severally reaffirmed the common resolve to exhaust every effort to win the war, and the struggle is not likely to cease until that aim is achieved—until they have completely broken down Germany's audacious effort to enslave Europe and secured the future peace of the whole Continent of Europe.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day the demand rate on London is 2s. 4 1/2d.

While at a house in Temple Street, Yau-mai, on Saturday evening a Chinese complains that he was robbed of \$565 in money.

A Japanese appeared at the Court this morning on a charge of sketching the defences of the Colony. Inspector Sim for the Police asked that the charge might be withdrawn, and this was done without any evidence or explanation.

A sum of \$421.86 is reported to have been stolen from a lock-fast drawer at 119, Shanghai Street, Yau-mai, on Sunday night. As the manager of the shop slept near the drawer and the shop did not appear to have been broken into in any way, the Police regard the report as doubtful.

The manager of the Kwong Tai Hing sandalwood shop, 236 Des Vaux Road, West, has complained to the Police that during the last three months an accountant, who collected \$7,899.37 on his behalf absconded on the 8th inst. with the money.

The excavation of the old bed of the Peiho has been completed, and the dam at Lishuchen has now been finished, says the "P. & T. Times." The Haiho therefore gets the benefit of water of which it has been deprived for the past four years, to the volume of about 1,200 cubic feet per second.

The N.C. Daily News says that information has reached it from an authoritative source that three British officials on the southern or British section of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway have recently been dismissed from their posts, two of which have been filled by persons of a strongly German tinge.

The small pox epidemic shows no sign of abatement. Last week according to the official return made by the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. W. Woodman) there were 39 cases, of which 29 terminated fatally. One British subject was among those affected, all the others being Chinese. Two of the cases were imported. During the same period there was one fatal case of bubonic plague, (Chinese), two cases of diphtheria one fatal (Chinese) and four cases of enteric fever—one British, one Indian and two Chinese.

A robbery with violence is reported from Wanchai. The complainant is a Chinese of Canton Road, Yau-mai, and he states that on Saturday while he was on his way to worship at the Tung O Wan temple, Causeway Bay, he was set upon near the Jockey Club stables by five men who threw him to the ground and robbed him of \$3.90 in money, some clothing and a quantity of food stuffs which he was taking to the temple as an offering. Three arrests have been made and some of the stolen property recovered.

Owing to the heavy booking and continued demand for seats, an extra performance of "Kismet" will be given on Saturday, 23rd December. The booking for this performance opens at Moutrie's at 9 a.m. to-morrow, Tuesday, 12th December.

All evening performances will commence promptly at 8 p.m., and special trains will be run from the Peak at 8.30 p.m. and 8.40 p.m. The public are requested to book their seats in good time.

Special trains for the Peak and special Arrives for Kowloon will run 10 minutes after each evening performance.

The Matinee on Wednesday, 20th December, will commence at 4.30 p.m.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. C. McBain of Shanghai is passing through on the P. & O. Novara.

The Shanghai A.D.C. in Christmas week are giving the pantomime "Puss in Boots" in aid of the Allied Red Cross Funds.

Among the passengers brought by the P. & O. Novara, which arrived yesterday, was Miss Ventris, daughter of H.E. the General Commanding the Troops in China.

When "Nurseryland," a bazaar held at Shanghai in aid of the Fund for Blind Soldiers and Sailors, closed its doors on Saturday December 2nd it was found that, in round figures, \$28,000, had been taken. This is absolute profit as all expenses had been privately met and the things sold were all presented.

Captain John H. Jordan, Royal Army Medical Corps, who has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry in action, is the son of the Right Honourable Sir John N. Jordan, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., His Majesty's Plenipotentiary at Peking and head of a well-known County Down family.

The death is reported at her residence at Putney, on Oct. 30, of Mrs. Fittcock, widow of the late Mr. W. H. Fittcock, H.B.M.'s Consul at Ningpo. Mrs. Fittcock, who was in her 84th year, was a resident in Ningpo and Shanghai in the fifties and sixties of last century. She was a contemporary of Sir Robert Hart, then an assistant in the British Consulate at Ningpo, in 1856.

Mr. N. S. Brown who for the last five years has been agent for Messrs. Butterfield and Swire at Hankow, has left that port for Hongkong on transfer. Mr. Brown, a Hankow contemporary says, will be greatly missed in connection with the Municipal Council and other public connections, where his energy and sound common sense were highly valued. There was a large gathering at the steamer to see him off.

The death occurred at the Yokohama General Hospital on Saturday, November 25, of Captain E. Prior Bishop, R.N.R., for some years a resident of Yokohama, and well-known to shipping circles in Far Eastern ports, as he was for many years in command of P. & O. boats running to Japan. The "Japan Gazette" says that Captain Bishop, who was 67 last December, had been in ill health for some considerable time, having suffered from a stroke. He is survived by a son (Mr. Alan Bishop), who is with Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., of Kobe.

A report in a London contemporary of the death in action of Second Lieut. Ronald G. Munro, Military Cross, (formerly with Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.) who died on September 19th from wounds received on Sept. 15th, mentions that his commanding officer writes:—"He was a very brave man." He was probably one of the best bombing instructors in the Army; one of his reports was marked "super-excellent." He was a very keen and enthusiastic soldier. He was in command of B Company and led them so the attack with great dash, when he was hit."

A writer in the Shanghai Mercury records: I think that one of the earliest records in the Far East of a St. Andrew's dinner is that which dates back to the thirties of last century in Canton. It was held at Jardine, Matheson's. A contemporary account dwells on the excellence of the wines and the tastiness of the "reevers," or canteens, as a southern might say. Wm. Jardine, of the house, was there, and opportunity was taken of the occasion to make to him a personal presentation of a silver service subscribed for a year or two before. He had been home in the interval. The loyal toasts on the occasion were those of the King, the President of the United States, and the Emperor of China. Mr. Wetmore responded for the Americans, not the Mr. Wetmore of later Shanghai days, but, I think, his uncle. There was a band too, the band of the East India Co.'s ship, Lord Lowther.

A HONGKONG BOY KILLED IN ACTION.

2nd LIEUT. L. C. FAWCNER (FORMERLY FOCKEN).

The casualty list contains the name of 2nd Lieutenant L. C. Fawcner, Royal Flying Corps (killed). Mr. Fawcner, who was 25 years of age, was a Hongkong boy, son of the late Mr. Charles Focken, Superintendent Engineer, North German Lloyd, at Hongkong, and for many years in the Scottish Oriental service running between Hongkong and Bangkok. When war broke out Mr. Leslie Focken was employed in the office of the North German Lloyd at Melbourne, where Mrs. Focken and her three young sons were resident (Mrs. Focken, who belonged to Australia, returned there to live amongst her own people upon the death of her husband). Young Focken enlisted in one of the Australian Infantry battalions when war was declared, and served in Egypt and at Gallipoli with some distinction. He was nominated for service with the Royal Flying Corps, received his Commission in due course, and got his "wings" as a pilot, assuming the name of Fawcner. He had been serving of the front for several months continuously, with the exception of a few days leave at the end of August, and had had many exciting adventures while "spotting" for our artillery. There are many both here and on the Chinese Coast, who will learn with sincere regret of his death, and much sympathy will be extended to Mrs. Fawcner, whose loss of a gallant son will be missed by the far East. He left for the front on the 1st inst., and was killed on the 2nd inst. at Gallipoli.

CLOSING SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Indes Del.	139 1/2	buyers
China Sugars	129 1/2	buyers
Langkats	31	sales
Docks	130 1/2	buyers
Shanghai Docks	119 1/2	buyers
Cement	119 1/2	buyers

THE BEST COUGH MEDICINE.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy is the largest selling cough medicine in the world to-day because it does exactly what a cough medicine is supposed to do. It cures coughs and colds, whooping cough, croup, and all the other ailments of the throat and lungs.

THE MAGISTRACY.

WATER WASTER.

Sergt. Roylance of the Police Reserve charged a Chinese at the Magistracy this morning with wasting water. "Defendant had a small bucket and when that was full he left the tap run full belt," said the officer. Defendant was fined \$3 by Mr. Melbourne.

OPIMUM CASES.

Three opium cases came before the Court this morning. A Chinese, who had in his possession five lbs. five tads of dross was fined \$50. A woman arrested at Kowloon Railway station in possession of 31 tads was fined \$1,500 or three months' without hard labour. Another woman also at the Station when arrested on a charge of being in possession of six tads of the drug stated that she went to the station to see her sister away and while there she was asked by an old woman to look after a basket. When she was arrested, she looked for the woman several times and could not see her. She thought that if the Magistrate would only let her go free she could find the woman. His worship fined the offender \$300.

SHOP THEFTS EVIDENCE.

A man was charged before Mr. Melbourne at the Court this morning with stealing a \$10 bill and a gold ring valued at \$15. From the evidence it appears that the defendant was in a shop at Yau-mai with some other men, one of whom missed the articles complained of. The defendant had gone out, and the complainant went out and arrested him and took him to the station and found upon him, the bill and the ring. The defendant's version of the affair was that he was stopped in the street by three men. His eyes were covered and his arms were held and the articles in question were put into his pocket. He called his sister to say that she saw this done. Mr. Melbourne stated that he did not believe the complainant or his witness and sentenced him to three weeks' hard labour.

MISSING DRAFTS.

Mr. Wood this afternoon remanded until Thursday a Chinese who was charged with attempting to cash a draft for \$20 stolen out of the waters of the Colony. Mr. Grist appeared to prosecute and stated that several drafts were stolen from a basket on board the Tai Lee. They were being brought from Kowloon to Hongkong in order to be cashed and during the trip the basket was out and the cheques taken out. He asked for bail in a substantial sum—\$2000. The value of the stolen cheques was \$1,100. The Police knew the whole of the five firms concerned with the drafts, and the Police had requested that information should be sent to them if any one attempted to cash one of those particular drafts. The defendant was caught when about to cash one for \$20 and there was grave suspicion against him regarding the other drafts.

Mr. Faithful, who represented the defendant, pointed out that the amount was a very small one and thought the bail too large. Whatever suspicions there might be, that was not to say there was a logical sequence that the defendant knew about the remainder and he presumed the Police had searched all his belongings.

Mr. Wood thought \$2,000 was a reasonable figure, and fixed that amount.

THE NATIONAL MISSION.

CONCLUDING ADDRESS.

Bishop Norris of North China concluded the National Mission of Repentance and Hope in Hongkong last night, when he addressed a mass meeting of men and women in the Theatre Royal. Commodore Sandeman, R.N., presided, and among those present were H.E. the Governor and Miss May.

Commodore SANDEMAN said he preferred to regard the War as an opportunity for repentance and self-sacrifice, and it was their duty in Hongkong to do all they could, physically and spiritually, to bring the war to a successful conclusion.

Bishop Norris, in the course of an earnest address based on the text "Come, let us reason together, saith the Lord," said when he came among them a week ago he said he believed that God was using the war—war brought on by man and not by God—to punish men for their sins; to punish, it might be, the other nations of the world, but, as far as they (English people) were concerned, to punish them for their sins. That view had not been shared by all of them, as he had put it, and he wanted to say that night that if through putting it in that way—which seemed to him the true way—he had offended the conscience of any one, and kept anyone from turning to God as they themselves would have turned, he asked their pardon. If they liked to put it in another way and say that God was teaching them a lesson, well, it came to very much the same thing. They had a lesson to learn and God in his mercy—not in his wrath—was teaching it to them now. They wanted an England which should be "the mountain of the Lord's house"—not the mountain of wealth or commerce. It might be God's will to take victory away from them, it might be God's will to cast them down from the high position that they had held among the nations of the world, to cast them right down to the very bottom. If that was God's will they could struggle up again with the vision in front of them of a great nation called by God for the service of the world, until once more they had reached supremacy amongst the nations of the world. It was their duty now to hold fast, to put in every ounce they had, and strain every nerve they could to win the war for the sake of God and their fellow-men. They must try as they had never tried before, in England and out of England; there must be no more selfishness, self-indulgence or materialism.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks and three cheers for the Bishop on the initiative of the Chairman.

HONGKONG POLICE IN FRANCE.

DO ANYTHING FROM COOK'S MATE TO UNDERTAKER.

Sergt. A. Pattison of the Hongkong Police who is with the King Edward Horse has written a letter from France to Mr. T. H. King, A.S.P., in which he states that it is about 12 months since the contingent left Hongkong but somehow it does not seem so long to him. He continues:—"We—I mean the King Edward Horse—are not doing much just at present. We are looking for a nice cosy corner where we can build a covering for our horses for the winter months. When we find that corner it will be 'navvying' for a week or two. I might say that we are quite experienced at this sort of thing; in fact, we can do anything from cook's mate to an undertaker, so you can guess we get some training in all sorts of odds and ends and they all come in very useful I can assure you. Hutchins (of the Police) has been transferred to the Royal Engineers for a while, so has Reynolds. A. R. Clarke, Didsbury and myself are in the same troop and quite contented. J. Hedges is with the Reserve at Longford, Ireland, but I am expecting him out any time. Speed is in the King George V. Hospital, Dublin, with injury to his knee. He was thrown off his horse several months ago and his knee has never been right since, so I am afraid that we shall not see him out here for a long time yet. I have not heard from any of the other boys so cannot say how they are getting on. I saw Corp. Giff (formerly a guard on the Kowloon-Canton Railway) who came out with us, but he was the only one who had not been in the front line since we left Hongkong."

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

(Via Tsz Yat Po's Service.)

A FREE FIGHT IN CHINA'S PARLIAMENT.

PEKING, Dec. 10. The conference of both Houses of Parliament on the Constitution took place on the 8th inst.

There were 638 members, representing both Houses, present. The special business before the Conference being a resolution to include the Provincial system in the Constitution.

The voting was 432 in favour and 214 against. As there was not a two-thirds majority the resolution was declared to be defeated.

The advocates of the proposal thereupon became desperate and fighting, ensued with the result that three members were injured. A suit has been filed by the injured members against their assailants.

THE PREMIER.

PEKING, Dec. 10. In connection with a proposal to impeach the Premier, the President summoned the Speakers in both Houses and telling them that it is essential that the Cabinet should not be shaken, has asked them to mediate in the matter.

THE ARREST OF LEADING MONARCHISTS.

PEKING, Dec. 11. Replying to interpellations in Parliament, the Government declared that there was no general amnesty of the advocates of a reversion to the monarchy and they had issued an order for the arrest of eight of the principal offenders and had deprived them of their political rights.

SPORTING.

FOOTBALL.

CLUB'S WIN OVER NAVY.

For United Service League points on Saturday the Hongkong Volunteers only just managed to beat the Navy by the only goal scored. The Volunteers had a penalty in their favour in the first half, Stalker being fouled, and McFaulstich put the ball over. The goal was the outcome and a corner kick by Robinson and a feeble clearance by Crocker who received the ball and was unable to prevent it wriggling inside. The Navy worked hard in the second half and gave the opposing defence a rigorous time but their efforts went unrewarded.

OTHER MATCHES.

In the U.S. League the R.G.A. and R.E. played a goalless draw. Several shots were directed at each goal but all missed their mark. Saunders and Townsend for the Artillery and Sappers respectively both missed easy chances.

In the second division the 88th Co. R.G.A. beat the Lusitania by 3-2. The winning goal was scored from a corner. The 87 Co. R.G.A. were beaten by Kowloon by the only goal scored, a penalty—after a glaring miss when only three yards out.

GOLF.

SEMI-FINAL FOR "MAITLAND" CUPS.

The semi-finalists for the Maitland Cup are:—
Capt. and Mrs. Milner Jones v. Mrs. Winslow and Mr. Lindell.
Mrs. Pearce and Mr. Stewart v. Mrs. Gedge and Mr. Dodwell.

SALE OF THE ORIENTAL HOTEL, KOBE.

The Oriental Hotel in Kobe, one of the finest hotels in the Far East, has been acquired by the "Toyo Kisen Kaisha," according to a statement made to the "Japan Advertiser" by Mr. Byozo Asano, one of the directors of the company. The consideration is stated to be between \$50,000 and \$100,000. The Toyo Kisen Kaisha will continue to operate the Oriental Hotel as a going concern, using only a small portion of the building for branch offices. The Oriental Hotel has been advertised for sale for some time. It was to have been disposed of at auction early this month but it had not been sold to the L. K. K. as a going concern.

A GERM-DESTROYER.

THESE are no danger, mysterious, black, or blood-red, fumes from a wound when Chamberlain's Pain-Expeller is applied. It is an antiseptic and destroys the germ which causes these fumes. It also causes the wound to heal without pain and without the danger of infection.

